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H. R. 4617

To amend the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992 to repeal the restriction on assistance to Azerbaijan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 1994

Mr. PENNY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom Support
5 Amendment Act of 1994”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) since 1991, tens of thousands of ethnic Ar-
9 menians and Azeris have died as a result of a con-

1 flict in the Nagorno-Karabakh region, which had
2 been a part of Azerbaijan since 1923;

3 (2) the United Nations estimates that there are
4 currently over 1,000,000 refugees in Azerbaijan;

5 (3) 85 percent of the people of Azerbaijan cur-
6 rently live in poverty;

7 (4) ethnic Armenian forces currently control the
8 Nagorno-Karabakh region, as well as 25 percent of
9 Azerbaijan;

10 (5) Armenia is currently preventing trade from
11 reaching Nakhichevan, a part of Azerbaijan which is
12 separated from the rest of the country by Armenian
13 territory;

14 (6) in 1993, the United Nations Security Coun-
15 cil condemned offensive military action by ethnic Ar-
16 menian forces outside of the Nagorno-Karabakh re-
17 gion through Resolutions 822, 853, 874, and 884;

18 (7) in 1992, the Congress passed the Freedom
19 for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and
20 Open Markets Support Act of 1992 to provide as-
21 sistance to the independent states of the former So-
22 viet Union;

23 (8) section 907 of such Act prohibits all United
24 States assistance, including humanitarian and medi-
25 cal assistance, to the Government of Azerbaijan be-

1 cause that Government had cut off trade and taken
2 other offensive uses of force against ethnic Arme-
3 nians in the Nagorno-Karabakh region in the early
4 1990s; and

5 (9) since the passage of such Act, the military
6 and humanitarian situation in Armenia and Azer-
7 baijan has changed considerably and aggressive ac-
8 tivities are no longer limited to one side or the other
9 in this conflict.

10 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO AZER-**
11 **BAIJAN.**

12 (a) REPEAL.—Section 907 of the Freedom for Russia
13 and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets
14 Support Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5812 note; relating to
15 the restriction on assistance to Azerbaijan) is hereby
16 repealed.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
18 tents in section 2 of such Act is amended by striking the
19 item relating to section 907.

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